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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports  
FROM: Acting Chief, Geographic Research  
SUBJECT: GRA Activity Report for the Month of June 1960

A. Major Research and Technical Support Activity

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3. The Cartography Division accepted requests for 168 maps and charts and completed 132. Seventy-one percent of the jobs completed were for ORR and the NIS program and reflect completion of work scheduled for

4. Production of NIS work by the Cartography Division during FY 1960 met all basic requirements placed upon the Division except in the preparation of standard and page-size bases where D/GC was approximately 10% in arrears. All other NIS work, including the preparation of the final maps, Chapter I Summary maps, and Section and Chapter Cover maps, was currently on schedule at the end of the fiscal year. This was accomplished despite increased requirements for Section Cover maps.

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5. The Map Library Division forwarded 33,447 items to requesters in response to 1,899 requests for maps, related geographic publications, and reference information.

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B. Planning and Development

1. In view of the discontinuance of publication of the Geographic Intelligence Review series, Chief, D/GG, discussed with the regional branch chiefs a program of handling self-generated reports that formerly appeared in this publication series. Of highest priority is a series of detailed studies on the use of geographers in military, economic, and political activities and programs of the Bloc countries; related earth science personnel will also be considered.

2. In line with Cartography Division plans to prepare terrain maps from all-color originals, the first experimental map using this technique was sent to reproduction. If this method of preparing relief drawings proves successful, it will gradually supplant the techniques now in use.

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